

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: TRX, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-18 WRU-00-27-3393
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued June 26, 2000)

On March 27, 2000, TRX, Inc. (TRX), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange service in Iowa. TRX stated its intention to provide service in certain exchanges of U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). Specifically, TRX intends to provide service in the following GTE exchanges: Lisbon, Janesville, Sumner, Grundy Center, Applington, Williamsburg, Washington, Manchester, Hazleton, Cresco, Traer/Reinbeck, Lonetree, Solon, Brandon, Fayette, Lawler/Waukoma, and Lime Springs, and in the U S WEST exchanges of Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Anamosa/Monticello, Coggon, Vinton, Independence, Waterloo, Oelwein, West Union, and Decorah. TRX concurs with the exchange service area maps for each of these exchanges on file with the Board. TRX has not yet filed proposed tariffs.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant

"possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest."

The Board has carefully reviewed TRX's application and finds TRX has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to TRX.

TRX has stated that it will implement 2-PIC technology for both intraLATA and interLATA dialing parity.

TRX requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts. TRX stated it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

TRX also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1) requiring it to independently publish a directory, stating that it will provide for the listing of its customers' telephone numbers in the appropriate local directory.

The Board finds it reasonable to grant TRX's requests for waivers. Based on the nature of the local exchange service TRX will provide, the Board finds that none of these requirements are appropriate at this time. The Board will be able to adequately review the records if it becomes necessary. Until or unless TRX serves a very large number of customers, it is unnecessary for it to publish a separate directory in Iowa.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by TRX, Inc., on March 27, 2000, is granted, subject to the requirement that follows.
2. At the time TRX, Inc., files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by TRX, Inc., the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing it to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. The concurrence in the U S WEST Communications, Inc., and GTE Midwest Incorporated maps and boundaries by TRX, Inc., is approved.
4. TRX's requests for waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2) and 22.3(1) are granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26th day of June, 2000.